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SUBJ: VISIT OF CHAIRMAN, INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON

FOREIGN TAX RELIEF

1. ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER LOUIS G. FIELDS, JR., CHAIRMAN,
INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN TAX RELIEF, WILL ATTEND
PACOM LEGAL CONFERENCE IN PHILIPPINES JANUARY 27-31, 1975.
HE DESIRES TO VISIT ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES FOR CONSULTATIONS
ON TAX RELIEF MATTERS DURING RETURN TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON.
SEVERAL PROJECTED VISITS WERE POSTPONED AND THIS WOULD
APPEAR TO BE PROPITIOUS TIME TO DISCUSS GENERAL TAX
RELIEF ISSUE WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

AUSTRALIA: ARRIVE SYDNEY 9:15 AM, FEBRUARY 7, ON PA 812

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2. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY CONCURRENCE ON VISIT, FIELDS WOULD APPRECIATE RESERVATIONS AT MODERATE-PRICED HOTEL AND AIRPORT COURTESIES, WHERE CONVENIENT.

3. FOR CANBERRA: WHILE IN WASHINGTON, FORMER AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY COUNSELORS ALAN FOGG AND KEITH BROWN WORKED WITH FIELDS ON TAX PROBLEMS. AUSTRALIANS HAVE INDICATED KEEN INTEREST IN SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC/CONSULAR TAX EXEMPTION PRACTICES AND SUGGESTED SEVERAL YEARS BACK WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE TO ACHIEVE HARMONIZATION OF PRACTICE. FIELDS WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH FOGG AND BROWN, AND/OR OTHER INTERESTED GOA OFFICIALS. HE HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH EEC MEMBER AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS EEC AND OECD OFFICIALS, AND IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN WESTERN EUROPE, PROGNOSIS FOR HARMONIZATION AND/OR RELIEF GENERALLY, AND PRELIMINARY U.S. THINKING ON AVAILABLE COURSES OF ACTION.

4. FOR WELLINGTON: FIELDS WILL BE PREPARED FOR EMBASSY CONSULTATIONS AS WELL AS WITH NZG OFFICIALS, AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

4. IN ADDITION TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF TAX COMMITTEE, FIELDS SERVES AS LEGAL COUNSEL TO SENIOR ADVISER TO SECRETARY ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS AND SPECIAL ADVISER TO SECRETARY ON COMBATTING TERRORISM. HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY EMBASSY CONCERNs IN THESE AREAS DURING VISIT. KISSINGER

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